

From: Betsaida Alcantara/DC/USEPA/US
Sent: 3/15/2012 3:38:15 PM
To: Shawn Garvin/R3/USEPA/US@EPA
CC: Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject: Re: Dimock Press

yes all good. thx

From: Shawn Garvin/R3/USEPA/US
To: Betsaida Alcantara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/15/2012 03:35 PM
Subject: Re: Dimock Press

Betsaida - Thanks. Sorry I didn't get back to you, have been tied up in meetings. Do we still need to talk?

Shawn

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From: Betsaida Alcantara
Sent: 03/15/2012 03:10 PM EDT
To: Shawn Garvin
Cc: Bob Sussman
Subject: Re: Dimock Press

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Here's the change:

EPA is also taking a second round of samples from the two homes where arsenic was detected, and although the levels are below drinking water standards, we will resample to better characterize the water quality of these wells.

On Jan. 19, as a result of requests from residents and a review of the data we had in hand, EPA announced it would perform water sampling at approximately 60 homes in the Carter Road/Meshoppen Creek Road area of Dimock, Pa. to further assess whether any residents are being exposed to hazardous substances that cause health concerns.

The first round of sampling results is now available for the first 11 homes that were tested during the week of Jan. 23. Sampling results from these 11 homes did not show levels of contamination that could present a health concern. Samples from six of the 11 homes did show concentrations of sodium, methane, chromium or bacteria, but concentrations were all within the safe range for drinking water. The sampling results also identified the presence of arsenic at two homes.

Out of the 11 homes tested, there are currently three homes receiving an alternate water supply provided by EPA. EPA will continue to provide water to these homes while we perform additional sampling to ensure that the drinking water quality at these homes remains consistent and acceptable for use over time. EPA is also taking a second round of samples from the two homes where arsenic was detected, and although the levels are below drinking water standards, we will resample to better characterize the water quality of these wells. After receiving results from the second round of sampling, EPA will re-evaluate the need to continue providing an alternate water source.

EPA has offered to meet with all the residents to go over their data and answer any health-related concerns. As further quality assured data becomes available for the remaining homes, we will share with the homeowners in an expedited manner. Our actions will continue to be based on the science and the law as we work to help get a clear picture of water quality for these homes in Dimock.

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From: Shawn Garvin
Sent: 03/15/2012 01:45 PM EDT

To: Betsaida Alcantara
Cc: Bob Sussman
Subject: Re: Dimock Press
Left you a voice message.

From: Betsaida Alcantara/DC/USEPA/US
To: Shawn Garvin/R3/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/15/2012 01:34 PM
Subject: Re: Dimock Press

More than happy to talk on the phone

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From: Shawn Garvin
Sent: 03/15/2012 01:33 PM EDT
To: Betsaida Alcantara
Cc: Bob Sussman
Subject: Dimock Press

Betsaida - I have asked my press folks to send out the press statement.

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Thanks - Shawn